

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you. This group has ignored the true roll of the media in America.

The group has not presented a balanced perspective on the 2004 Presidential Election and is actively (if transparently) attempting to effect the outcome. Please allow me to explain, this is the same group that would not allow the Iraq memorial program on 60 Minutes to be aired on any of its stations, regardless of the realities of war and feelings of the families of the fallen. SBG feels now that it somehow has a credible voice in presenting a defamation of John Kerry and his fellow veterans for their rolls in bringing the Vietnam occupation to an end through first hand extremely detailed accounts of what was actually happening (now being SPUN as exaggerations).